

SENATE BILL 3711
By Woodson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2 and
Title 49, relative to civic responsibility education at
institutions of higher education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 1, is amended by
adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

§49-7-1___. The University of Tennessee system and the state university and community
college system shall develop and establish a course of study or a practicum in civic
responsibility, for which students shall receive appropriate credit, that shall be available to
students at each public university or community college. As part of the course obligations,
students, at least one (1) time during their college education, shall apply to work as election
officials. To receive credit for the course of study, any student appointed to be an election
official shall complete all training required of such official and shall work as assigned by the
election commission. The course of study shall be instituted at each public university and
community college no later than the fall semester 2007.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-4-103, is amended by adding the
following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

() Notwithstanding the residency requirements for election officials or the
requirement that election officials be registered voters, a county election commission
may appoint as an election official any college student who is participating in a course of
study under Section 1 of this act at a public university or community college located in
the county in which the election is to be conducted and who is a citizen of the United
States meeting all other requirements for such service.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.